REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 23-26 were indicated as allowable in the above Office Action and their allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 15-16 and 18-22 were rejected in the above Office Action and are hereby canceled.

Claim 17 was objected to as being dependent upon rejected claim 15 but was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all the limitations of all intervening claims. This amendment rewrites claim 17 in independent form incorporating all the limitations of all intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claim 17.

All claims being in condition for issue, Applicant respectfully requests such allowance.

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